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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

New York, California and regional prices are unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady to higher in California, steady to full steady in the Northeast, steady in the remaining regions. Demand into all channels is light to moderate, while in the Midwest food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offering are light to moderate in the Southeast and California, generally moderate in other areas. Supplies are light to mostly moderate and noted as held with confidence in some locations in the Northeast. Market activity is slow in California, slow to moderate elsewhere. Breaking stock offerings are light; demand is moderate to good. Light type hen offerings are light to adequate for the light to moderate demand.

Prices to Retailers, Sales to Volume Buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade AA, White Eggs in Cartons, Cents per Dozen, Unless Otherwise Noted

### Delivered To Warehouse:

<u>Midwest Regional</u>	Range	Mostly
Extra-Large	99-108	102-105
Large	98-107	100-103
Medium	75-84	77-80

<u>Northeast Regional</u>	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	110-130	112-116
Large	104-118	109-113
Medium	81-94	86-88

<u>South Central</u>	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	119.50-128	121-124
Large	112.50-121	114-117
Medium	83.50-92	85-88

<u>Southeast Regional</u>	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	111.50-133	113-116
Large	110-127	111-114
Medium	83.5-101	84-88

### Delivered To Store Door:

<u>Midwest Regional</u>	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	106-114	107-109
Large	104-112	105-107
Medium	81-89	82-84

<u>New York</u>	Range	Mostly
Extra Large	118-122	
Large	116-120	
Medium	93-97	

*Prices to Consumers Major Chains, New York Metropolitan Area*

Extra Large	209-319	209-289
Large	199-299	199-279
Medium	189-289	189-269

### Prices Paid To Producers

<u>Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin</u>	Range	Mostly
Large	80-90	84
Medium	57-61	59
Small	41-47	

**Midwest:** IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, & western PA; **Northeast:** CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT; **South Central:** AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX; **Southeast:** AL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

North Carolina Prices weighted average, in small lots, nearby retail outlet

	Range
Jumbo	135.24
Extra Large	130.59
Large	101.86
Medium	82.00

### Weekly New England Shell Eggs

Prices paid per dozen Grade A brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Maine</b>	170	164	129	90
Mostly	-	-	-	-
<b>New Hampshire</b>	163-169	157-161	122-126	83-87
Mostly	167-168	159-160	124-125	85-86
<b>Rhode Island</b>	169-173	163-167	128-132	89-93
Mostly	169	163	128	89
<b>Vermont</b>	170-175	164-165	129	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

### USDA Wholesale Certified Organic Brown Shell Eggs

Prices cents per carton delivered to first receivers

		Price Range	Mostly
<b>Extra Large</b>	doz.	261 - 360	275 - 310
	1/2 doz.	180 - 195	181 - 189
<b>Large</b>	doz.	230 - 350	265 - 300
	1/2 doz.	171 - 190	171 - 178

Certified Organic are products grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA accredited State and private certification organizations. For more information, visit the National Organic Program [www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome)

California All prices are steady. The undertone is steady to higher. Retail demand is mostly moderate with first of the month ad activity scheduled in many locations. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.35.

**California:** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	Range
Jumbo	221
Extra Large	195
Large	188
Medium	155

**Southern California:** Prices to Retailers, Sales to Volume Buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, White Eggs in Cartons, Delivered Store Door, Cents/Dozen

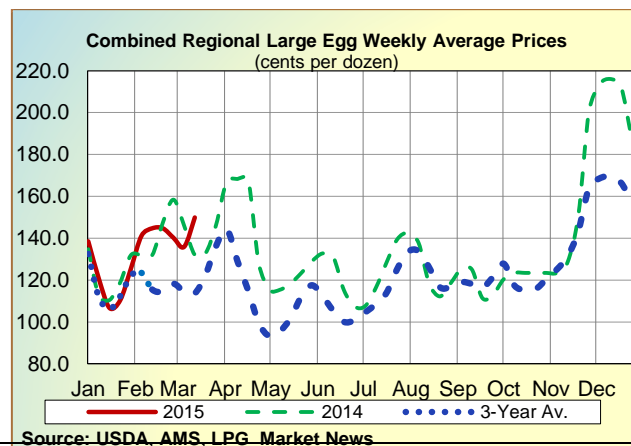
Jumbo	213-225
Extra Large	176-188
Large	173-182
Medium	135-144

### Weekly Combined Regional

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, delivered warehouse

Regions	Ex Large	Large	Medium
Northeast	114.00	111.00	87.00
Southeast	114.50	112.50	86.00
Midwest	103.50	101.50	78.50
South Central	122.50	115.50	86.50
Combined Regional	114.04	110.35	84.54

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.



**Egg Inventory** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing  
(30-dozen cases in thousands) /1 (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

Regions	Total Shell Eggs	
	This Week	% Change
Northeast	128.8	15.9%
Southeast	217.2	11.1%
Midwest	314.9	-1.4%
South Central	238.0	-0.1%
Southwest	160.5	8.1%
Northwest	95.3	-24.1%
<b>6-Area Total</b>	<b>1,154.7</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Shell Egg	1,154.7	1.5%
Breaking Stock	243.2	-7.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,397.9</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Specialty Shell Egg Inventory</b> <sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed		
(30-dozen cases in thousands)	6-Area Total	
	This Week	% Change
Large	69.4	-0.2%
Ungraded	76.3	2.1%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>145.8</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

**Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:**

Large:	20.4%
Ungraded:	76.5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>49.8%</b>

1/ Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV; **Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT; **Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

### Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection

W/E 25-Apr-2015 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)						
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,461,440	34,875	14,976	7,603	2,961	4,408
PW	1,448,235	33,892	15,125	7,225	2,625	4,064
LY	1,484,309	33,048	16,663	7,990	3,216	4,450
% PW	1%	3%	-1%	5%	13%	8%
% LY	-2%	6%	-10%	-5%	-8%	-1%
2015	24,367,789	563,244	258,671	126,526	44,790	74,181
2014	23,638,781	513,524	271,787	136,839	47,518	73,293
% YTD	3%	10%	-5%	-8%	-6%	1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.33	41.64	41.87
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.31	38.83	38.87

**In Line Production** (of total production; lbs. in thousands;  
may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
<b>Current Week</b>	848,272	58.0%	21,560	61.8%
<b>Previous Week</b>	831,374	57.4%	20,314	59.9%
<b>Last Year</b>	895,514	60.3%	22,087	66.8%

**Breaking Stock** Prices in cents/doz., delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

<b>Central Region</b>	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	79-81	
Checks	60-68	64-67

**Central States Area:** AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, NC, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

**Weekly National Egg Products** f.o.b. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

Liquid Eggs				
All liquid egg product prices are too few to report this week. The undertone is higher on all liquid egg products. Offerings are light to mostly short of current needs. Demand is good as operations attempt to cover contractual concerns and search for additional spot liquid, with very limited success. Market activity is slow.				
Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.				
Class	Current Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Wtd Avg
<b>Whole</b>	TFEWR			43 57.35
<b>Whites</b>	TFEWR			17 53.47
<b>Yolk</b>	TFEWR			6 90.50

**Frozen Eggs**  
Frozen whole egg and white prices are steady to higher with sugared and salted yolk prices steady. Trade sentiment is higher for all frozen egg products. Offerings are light as most operators source product into contractual channels and are unwilling to supply product into the spot market. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and yolk and moderate for whites. Supplies are light to moderate for all frozen egg products. Market activity is slow.  
Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

Trucklot	Current Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
<b>Whole</b>	72.00 - 84.00	76.00 - 80.00	78.40	91.75
<b>Whites</b>	65.00 - 80.00	72.00 - 78.00	73.00	82.13
<b>Sugar Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	103.00 - 108.00	105.00 - 108.00	106.10	99.88
<b>Salt Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	100.00 - 105.00	102.00 - 104.00	104.00	96.63
Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
<b>Whole</b>	76.00 - 78.00		79.80	91.63
<b>Whites</b>	72.00 - 74.00		75.40	83.50
<b>Sugar Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	105.00 - 110.00		107.50	101.75
<b>Salt Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	105.00 - 110.00		107.50	101.50

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

**Dried Eggs**  
Prices are steady to higher all dried egg products. Trade sentiment is higher. Offerings are light on whole and yolk, moderate to instances available on albumen. Demand is fairly good on whole and yolk, moderate on albumen. Current supplies are light on yolk and whole, moderate to heavy on albumen as producers work to complete regular commitments. Inquires increase as buyers and producers monitor market developments. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
<b>Whole</b>	3.00 - 3.55	3.30 - 3.35	3.21	3.63
<b>Yolk</b>	2.00 - 2.50	2.20 - 2.25	2.21	2.15
<b>Albumen</b> <sup>2/</sup>	7.40 - 8.00	7.60 - 7.65	7.71	8.14
<b>Blends</b> <sup>3/</sup>	3.20 - 3.25		3.20	3.19

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

**Daily 5-Day Weighted Average Trailer Load Egg Sales**

National Trading for April 27, 2015 - May 1, 2015 – (cents/doz.)

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

**Current Loads 129.25 Future Loads 34.75 Total Loads 164.00**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	83.67	89.00	87.00	86.67	--	--	17.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	67.00	75.00	3.00
GL W J	--	--	108.50	111.00	100.33	--	6.50
GL W XL	97.00	115.00	94.43	103.33	101.43	--	25.25
GL W LG	--	97.88	90.68	94.68	100.06	90.00	43.25
GL W MD	--	--	74.63	71.00	80.89	75.00	17.50
GL W SM	--	65.00	--	--	62.00	63.00	2.00
GL BR XL	98.00	100.00	--	--	80.00	86.50	1.50
GL BR LG	--	--	104.00	106.00	81.33	85.50	3.50
GL BR MD	--	--	84.00	91.50	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	70.00	75.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	72.00	67.00	--	--	--	1.00

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GL W J	--	105.25	--	--	190.00	196.00	5.00
GL W XL	114.91	112.57	137.00	--	--	133.88	13.25
GL W LG	101.00	95.23	131.00	--	146.00	133.28	27.25
GL W MD	90.00	84.60	--	--	--	101.20	9.00
GL W SM	58.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	77.00	91.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	77.00	91.00	--	--	--	--	1.50

Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight - material may or may not be included.

Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

**Live Spent Light Fowl**

Prices continue to trend steady for the moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced slightly. Movement of finished product are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity was very light.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

**Egg Products**

Shell Eggs Broken Down 1 Percent from Last Year

March 2014 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.  
March 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 181 million dozen during March 2015, down 1 percent from March a year ago, and 5 percent above the 172 million broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2015 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 552 million dozen, up 7 percent from the comparable period in 2014. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2015 was 716 million pounds, up 6 percent from 2014.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports.

Source: USDA/NASS

**Frozen Eggs (000) lbs.**

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings			Cold Storage Holdings		
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks			Pacific without Denver		
			04/27/15	04/20/15	04/28/14
AM	04/27/15	2,695	<b>Pacific Coast:</b>		
AM	04/01/15	2,728	73	88	50
CHG		-33	<b>Los Angeles:</b>		
PCT CHG		-1%	0	0	0

**National Retail Egg Purchases** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 08, 2015 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 01, 2015 were 200,762 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week .....	160,263	40,499	200,762
% change from the prior week .....	+13	-24	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**Canadian Eggs**

Week of Apr 20, 2015

Quebec/Montreal: wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

Grade A	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
		Unavailable		
Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm as set by Ontario egg producers.				
Grade A	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
	1.90	1.90	1.69	1.26

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Import/Export Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Apr 18, 2015		Year-To-Date*	
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	2014
Liquid	154	186	250	2,041
Frozen	0	0	0	39
Dried	34	0	536	158
Total	188	186	786	2,238

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending Apr 18, 2015		Year-To-Date*	
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	2014
Liquid	103	24	2,269	2,069
Frozen	23	25	484	435
Dried	0	0	0	46
Total	126	49	2,753	2,550

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending Apr 18, 2015		Year-To-Date*	
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	2014
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,000	5,340	34,770	45,138
Large	3,100	12,950	137,437	95,840
Medium	0	870	60	4,452
Ungraded	32,760	11,856	290,142	216,572
Misc	0	0	2,508	9,480
Total	38,860	31,016	464,917	371,482

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

\*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section